CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN DIEGO REGION

TENTATIVE ORDER NO. R9-2021-0003

AN ORDER RESCINDING ORDER NO. 94-115, WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR J. MARK GROSVENOR, TRUSTEE, STALLION OAKS RANCH, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (San Diego Water Board), finds that:

- 1. Order No. 94-115, Waste Discharge Requirements for J. Mark Grosvenor, Trustee, Stallion Oaks Ranch, San Diego County (Order No. 94-115), established requirements for the discharge of domestic wastewater from an onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), which consists of two septic tanks that drain to two leach fields. Domestic wastewater from the Stallion Oaks Ranch is collected from 14 yurts and a reception hall and discharged to the septic system. The Stallion Oaks Ranch is located at 10950 Boulder Creek Road, Descanso, in San Diego County. The San Diego Water Board adopted Order No. 94-115 on September 8, 1994.
- 2. The San Diego Water Board notified the County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (County of San Diego) on April 23, 2020, that the Stallion Oaks Ranch OWTS is eligible for regulation under the authority of the County of San Diego's Local Agency Management Plan.
- 3. The State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Water Quality Control Policy for Siting, Design, Operation, and Maintenance of Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS Policy), which allows local agencies to approve OWTS, based on a local ordinance, after approval of the *Local Agency Management Plan for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems* (LAMP) by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The purpose of the LAMP is to allow the continued use of OWTS within the jurisdiction of local agencies, as well as to expand the local program to permit and regulate alternative OWTS while protecting water quality and public health. The County of San Diego LAMP was approved by the San Diego Water Board on April 29, 2015.
- 4. The discharge from the Stallion Oaks Ranch OWTS is eligible for oversight by the County of San Diego under the LAMP based on information provided in monitoring reports and information obtained during a compliance inspection conducted by San Diego Water Board staff on February 24, 2020. As such, the discharge from the Stallion Oaks Ranch OWTS is more appropriately regulated under the County of San Diego LAMP than individual waste discharge requirements.

- 5. The San Diego Water Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0003 in a February 10, 2021, public meeting.
- 6. Adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0003 is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code, section 210000 et seq.). Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14 (title 14), sections 15060(c)(2) and 15061(b)(3), the action to rescind Order No. 94-115 will not have potentially significant adverse effects on the environment because the discharge that was regulated by Order No. 94-115 is now regulated under the County of San Diego LAMP. In addition, adoption of Order No. R9-2021-0003 is exempt from CEQA pursuant to categorical exemptions listed in title 14, section 15301 (ongoing or existing projects). Finally, activities at the Stallion Oaks Ranch as allowed by the OWTS Policy will be covered under the County of San Diego LAMP, which was adopted in compliance with CEQA.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order No. 94-115 is rescinded.

I, David W. Gibson, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region, on February 10, 2021.

